# The Blue Warrior

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#### Goshen Township Police Awarded with a New Patrol Car



On August 16th, Chief Snyder and Captain Rose attended the, "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" DUI enforcement campaign kick-off in Newport Kentucky. As part of the event, the Chief was presented with paperwork for the purchase of a brand new 2013 Dodge Charger police cruiser at no direct cost to Goshen Township. The vehicle was one of five awarded to agencies throughout Ohio for their exceptional efforts during the 2011 "Click-it-or-ticket" and "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" participation.

The new Charger has been ordered and is

expected to arrive in January. The car will be white with the graphics package shown in the picture above.

This car is set to replace our current canine vehicle that is ten years old with nearly 200,000 miles.

The Goshen Township Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association has made it their goal to raise the funding necessary to fully equip this vehicle for canine use. The Goshen Lions Club, citizens, churches, and businesses have also generously contributed funding towards this project.

# Sergeant Robinson Recognized As Goshen Public Servant of the Year

On December 3rd, Sergeant Ron Robinson was presented with the 2012 Goshen Township Public Servant of the Year award by the Goshen Chamber of Commerce. Sgt. Robinson was recognized for his continued drug enforcement efforts combined with his contributions to investigations of other major crimes.



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#### Safety Services Levy Rejected

On November 6th, Goshen Township residents rejected a 3.25mil Safety Services Levy with 3,027 (47%) for the levy and 3,401 (53%) against the levy. This levy was intended to offset the significant losses in funding from property tax re-evaluations, cuts to local government funding, and the elimination of the estate tax. If passed, the levy would have raised property taxes on a \$100,000 home \$99 per year and would have generated \$260,000 for the police department and \$520,000 for fire and EMS.

Since August of 2011, Goshen PD has lost 33% of our full-time police officer staff (160 hours per week) to retirements with no available funding to replace those positions. This has resulted in the lowest staffing levels since 2003 while at the same time population and service calls have increased (Population: +13.4% since 2000; Service Calls: +12.7% in the last three years).

While the department continues to operate 24/7; as a result of inadequate funding, there will continue to be many hours each week in which only one officer is on-duty.

The staff of the Goshen Township Police Department is committed to continuing to provide the best services possible with the resources that we have available.

#### **Arrest Made in Shaken Baby Case**

On November 7th, Goshen Township Police responded with EMS to O'bannonville Road for a 6 month-old child reportedly not breathing. The child was flown by University Air-Care to Children's Hospital in Cincinnati.

After a week long investigation lead by Sgt. Robinson, assisted by Union Township Police Detective David Combs, officers were able to determine that the child had been shaken by his father in the early morning hours of November 7th. The 6-month-old child suffered a severe head injury that resulted in the child requiring breathing and feeding tubes due to bleeding on the brain.

During the investigation, officers also learned that this child was allegedly dropped by the father in October which resulted in a fracture of the child's arm, an incident that was never reported to authorities, nor did the child receive any medical treatment.

The 21 year old father of the child was indicted on Wednesday November 14th, on two counts of Felonious Assault and four counts of Child Endangering, all felonies. The 21 year old mother of the child was also indicted and charged with felony Child Endangering.

#### **National Night Out 2012**



National Night Out 2012 occurred on August 7th behind Marr-Cook Elementary School. This was our third year of participation and each year has been better than the one before. The CPAAA assisted Officer Taylor prepare for the event and they operated an obstacle course using fatal vision goggles to simulate drunk driving. There were dozens of booths, food, a car show, fire department display, a police canine demonstration, and University Air Care landed a helicopter. CPAAA member Bob Richards and his band Pearly Blu entertained the crowd with their music.





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#### **Some Significant Incidents**

On August 4th, Officer Blanton attempted to stop a reportedly intoxicated 22 year old man wanted for domestic violence and fleeing the scene of a crash. The man led officers on a high speed pursuit. Officers terminated the pursuit and Officer Blanton filed arrest warrants for him.

On October 5th, Sgt. Robinson and Officer West arrested a man who was soliciting prostitution in Goshen. Information relayed to Cincinnati PD Vice resulted in the discovery of a large marijuana grow operation at the suspects residence in Cincinnati.



On Aug. 8th,
Captain Rose responded to a
heroin drug overdose involving
a 52 year old man on Goshen
Road. Drug charges are
pending.

On Aug. 10th, Officer McFarland charged a 16 year old boy with burglary after he broke into a neighbor's home and stole cash and alcohol.

#### **GPD Receives Drug Drop Box**

As part of our ongoing efforts to remove drugs from our community, the Goshen Township Police Department applied for and was awarded a permanent Drug Drop Box for secure placement inside the lobby of the police department. Individuals can walk in and deposit their unwanted, expired, or unused prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications during the hours of 9-5 Mon-Fri. This Drug Drop Box was provided at no cost to Goshen Township and was made possible by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Drug Free Action Alliance.



CPAAA Members Donna Rosic, Art Snider, & Gale Perkins handing out candy with officers on Halloween

#### **Department Update & Training**

On Sept. 19th, Sgt. Holland & Officer West attended Air Care Landing Zone Safety training.

On Oct. 15-17, a new digital report management system was installed and training was provided to several members of staff. The new system will become effective on January 1st.

On Oct. 29th, Sgt. Robinson and Officer West attended Modern Report Writing training. On Oct. 31st, Officers Blanton, West, Budai, and Captain Rose, assisted by members of the CPAAA handed out candy during trick-or-treat.

#### **Serial Thieves Apprehended**

On July 27th, Officer Bucksath took a report of a burglary at Combs Trucking, there were no suspects at that time.

On August 11th, Officer McFarland developed a lead in that case and initiated surveillance on the suspects. Upon a traffic stop, stolen property from Combs Trucking was recovered among other property. Through interviews of the suspects, it was determined that the three men were responsible for 20 breaking and entering and burglary offenses in Clermont and Brown Counties including the burglary that occurred at Combs Trucking. Officer McFarland recovered more than \$9,500 in stolen property which was returned to the rightful owners. Three suspects were indicted on multiple counts of burglary and B & E.



Recovered property from serial thieves

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#### **CPAAA Activity**

Our Goshen Township Citizens Police Academy Alumni have become a valuable asset to the Goshen Township community. Members frequently volunteer to assist as needed at community events and they are constantly lending a hand to Goshen PD.

Below is a list of 2012 contributions:

- Assist with Police Officer applicant testing & evaluation
- Participated in Goshen Chamber of Commerce Bowling
- Memorial Day Parade traffic control
- CPA Session 4 Graduation Dinner
- Movie Night Security
- Ohio State Reformatory Field Trip
- National Night Out organization, security, & public relations
- Cabin Days security
- Clean up at Marr Park participation
- Mayhem at Marr Park security & parking
- Homecoming Parade traffic control
- Officer recognition reception
- Trick-or-Treat candy hand-out
- Wounded Warriors Christmas cards participation
- Pancake breakfast to raise funding for the food pantry
- Light up Goshen Parade traffic control



- Food drive at Beck Hardware for food pantry
- Opening of storm shelter and security
- Assisted with missing person searches
- Track officer statistics and assist with other PD administrative functions

Fundraising activities have included:

- Skyline dinners with a percentage donated back to CPAAA
- Texas Roadhouse dinners with a percentage donated back to CPAAA
- Combined Golf Outing with Miami Twp. and Loveland CPAAA
- Fire Dept Open House sales and donations
- National Night Out sales and donations
- The band Pearly Blu playing at A Music Café
- Holly Fair sales and donations

Recognition received during 2012 has included:

- Public recognition from the Police Department and Trustees
- 2012 Clermont County Salute to Leaders Award for Goshen Township
- 2012 LOGI Community Service Award



CPAAA members Ken Huffaker, Donna Rosic, & Sharma Huffaker at the Holly Fair

### 2012 CPAAA Executive Board

President Ken Huffaker

Vice President Doug Horne

Secretary Donna Rosic

Treasurer Wayne Gibson



CPAAA members Donna Rosic, Pat Konkus, & Dan Dunford at National Night Out

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#### Some Significant Incidents Cont.

On Aug. 14th, Officer Taylor charged a 31 year old man with Breaking and Entering and other charges after the man forced his way into a vacant Goshen Road home and cut copper pipes and wiring out of the home.

On Aug. 18th, Officer Wolf arrested an intoxicated 44 year old man who shot a hole through the roof of his Heather Dr. mobile home with a shotgun. He was charged with Having Weapons Under Disability and Cultivation of Marijuana.

On Aug. 22nd, a drug related armed robbery occurred at a residence at 1785 SR28. The victim wrestled a handgun away from the suspect. Officer McFarland charged a 22 year old man with Aggravated Burglary.

On Aug. 24th, the rape of a 3 year old girl by a known male was reported on Teddy Ln.

On Sept. 2nd, Officer Bucksath arrested a 39 year old intoxicated woman for felonious assault and domestic violence after she assaulted her boyfriend with a knife at their Holly Park Dr. residence.

On Sept. 2nd, Officer Bucksath arrested a 37 year old man who had several prior OVI arrests for felony OVI and child endangering after a road rage and assault occurred on SR28.

On Sept. 8th, Captain Rose responded to a heroin drug overdose at a SR28 address. A 31 year old man was revived by CPR administered by EMS. Drug charges were filed.

On Sept. 12th, Sgt. Robinson and Officer West arrested three adults for prostitution and promoting prostitution on Gateway Dr.

Beginning on Sept. 18th, Sgt. Robinson arrested eight adult males for soliciting sex with what they thought was a 14 year old girl.

On Sept. 26th, Officer Budai responded to a drug overdose on Mindy Ln. Drug charges are pending lab results against the 26 year old man.

On Sept. 26th, Sgt. Robinson arrested a 45 year old man who had exposed himself to neighbors and children on Norma Ln. Sgt. Hodson had previously arrested the man in 2005 for a similar offense.

On Oct. 2nd, there were two separate daytime burglary attempts in the Fairways subdivision. In one of the cases, the male suspect forced open a first floor window and was confronted by the homeowner who scared the burglar away.

On Oct. 5th, Officer Budai investigated the overdose death of a 42 year old woman on Cross Creek Dr.

On Oct. 5th, a 31 year old man was arrested for assault and resisting arrest after he shoved the barmaid against a wall at Hangover's Bar and then struggled with Officers Wolf & McFarland.

On Oct. 14th, Sgt. Hodson charged a 19 year old man with disorderly conduct after the man used a laser light to blind motorists.

On Nov. 10th, officers investigated a 19 year old overdose on LSD on Goshen Road. 14 people were charged with crimes including drug abuse and underage consumption.

On Nov. 10th, Sgt. Robinson investigated the hanging death of a 29 year old man on Lois Lane.

On Nov. 12th, Officer Wolf arrested a 34 year old woman for felony domestic violence and resisting arrest. She was found hiding in a wooded area on Deerfield Road and struggled with officers during her arrest.

On Nov. 17th, Sgt. Robinson arrested a 25 year old woman for driving under the influence of heroin with her 7 year old son in the car. There were also uncapped syringes within reach of the child.

On Nov. 22nd, a vehicle fled from Sgt. Robinson on Belfast Road. The vehicle drove into a field and the driver fled on foot. The driver was identified and warrants were issued.

On Nov. 23rd, Sgt. Robinson arrested a 29 year old woman for driving under the influence of marijuana with her two children in the car ages 3 and 8.

On Nov. 26th, Chief Snyder investigated the death of a 55 year old man who fell down the stairs at a home on Cemetary Lane.

On Nov. 30th, officers were involved in a foot pursuit on Parkwood Drive of a wanted man. Officers ultimately arrested five people ranging in age from 22 to 42 for charges including obstructing justice & drug abuse.

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## Officers Recognized for Lifesaving Actions



Pictured left to right:
Officer Jason Lagore
& canine Ranger,
Chief Snyder,
Chief Pegram,
Trustee Autenrieb,
Trustee Corcoran,
Trustee Hausermann,
Captain Rose,
Officer Jeff Wolf,
Officer Michael Bishop
& canine Major

At the October 9th Trustees meeting, Officer Jeff Wolf, Canine Officer Jason Lagore and Canine Officer Michael Bishop were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their lifesaving actions on August 27th.

At 6:16pm on August 27th, Officer Wolf of the Goshen Township Police Department responded to a report of a missing 88 year old man at an address on Thompson Road in Goshen Township. Upon his arrival and assessment, he recognized the urgency of the situation, determining that the missing man is a diabetic and had not been seen in two days. Officer Wolf promptly contacted a supervisor, activated canine units, and he continued exhausting any potential leads on the whereabouts of the missing man.

At the time, the nearest available canine units were Officer Bishop of the City of Mason Police Department and Officer Lagore of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Both responded quickly to the scene and these two canine officers began working together with their canine partners searching woods and fields.

Within an hour of their arrival, these canine officers found the victim incapacitated in a heavily wooded area. Despite everyone's worst fears, he was alive. The canine officers immediately called for the medics who were already on scene and directed them to the victim. The Goshen Township Fire and EMS Department, assisted by Officer Wolf extricated the victim from the woods and EMS rushed him to the hospital where he was stabilized.

If not for the actions of Officer Wolf who correctly recognized the seriousness of the situation and initiated all of the proper steps to resolve this crisis, combined with the actions of Officer Bishop, Officer Lagore, and their police canine partners who exhibited a high level of tracking and area search competency, the victim almost certainly would have perished.

Following the October 9th presentation of certificates by Captain Rose, the victim's daughter addressed the crowd thanking Goshen Township and everyone else involved for saving her father's life.